Starvation Deaths in Orissa

89. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of starvation deaths took place in Orissa during 2000-2001;

(b) the steps taken to prevent starvation deaths in the State;

(c) the steps taken to identify the poorest of the poor and particularly hunger-prone families; and

(d) the schemes launched to save these people from untimely death due to starvation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) No reports on starvation deaths during 2000-2001 have been received from the Government of Orissa.

Hindi Salahakar Samiti

90. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindi Salahakar Samiti has, recently been re-constituted in his Ministry;

(b) if so, when and the number of sittings of the Samiti held during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the efforts made to conduct meetings, regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Hindi Salahakar Samiti of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture is under re-constitution. Draft Resolution for the same has already been sent to the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs for concurrence. Meeting of earlier Hindi Salahakar Samiti was held on 15th July, 1997. On receipt of concurrence from the Department of Official